

Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission

Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting – 7:30 PM, September 19, 2017

Location: Fairfax County DOT, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Conf. Rooms 400.06 & 400.08
Fairfax, Virginia 22033

Web Site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tac/>

Note Taker: Michael Shor

TAC Member in Attendance: Jeff Parnes, Chair (Sully), Alan Young (At Large), Michael Shor (Mt. Vernon) and Eric Thiel (Springfield).

TAC Members Absent: Kevin Morse (Braddock), Mike Champness (Dranesville), Jennifer Joy Madden - Vice Chair (Hunter Mill), Roger Hoskin - Secretary (Mason), Harry Zimmerman (Lee) and Micah Himmel (Providence).

Others in Attendance: FCDOT staff: Calvin Lam.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:45 pm. He declared that a quorum is not present; therefore, the meeting notes from August 15, 2017, will be approved at the October meeting.

Agenda and Discussion Topics

Chairman's Report and Discussion:

Dulles Rail Update from the BTC meeting on July 18, 2017

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/board-committees/meetings/2017/july18-transportation-dulles-rail-update.pdf>

For Phase 2, overall completion is at is 64 percent. Station construction at Reston Town Center, Herndon, Innovation, Dulles Airport, Loudoun Gateway and Ashburn Stations is on-going. The Herndon Metrorail Garage is 29 percent complete, and the total project estimate is \$44.5 million. The Herndon Garage is scheduled to be ready for occupancy by April 2019. The Innovation Metrorail Garage is 11 percent complete, and the total project estimate is \$52 million. The Innovation Garage is scheduled to be ready for occupancy by May 2019.

Washington Post's Article about Metro Board and the \$15.5 Billion Request

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/metro-board-chairman-says-system-needs-more-than-what-was-requested/2017/09/17/0eea0926-9bd5-11e7-8ea1-ed975285475e_story.html?tid=ss_tw&utm_term=.893ff6699490

WMATA Board Chairman Jack Evans disagreed with General Manager/CEO Paul J. Wiedefeld regarding the request for \$15.5 billion over 10 years to cover for the system's long-term needs. Mr. Evans said that Metro should be pushing for \$25 billion, and the \$15.5 billion is too conservative even for the most current and urgent needs. He said that the additional money could be used for projects such as a second Potomac River tunnel.

MWCOG TPB Technical Assumptions and Analysis Methods for Long-Range Plan Task Force

<https://t.co/tGqo5AVJfc>

Following Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) acceptance of the ten (10) initiatives (projects, policies, and programs) recommended for analysis by the Long-Range Plan Task Force, the TPB staff and ICF Team have been working to define assumptions, analysis methods, and measures of effectiveness to be used to quantify the estimated effects of each initiative toward achieving the goals laid out in TPB and COG's regional policy documents. The ten initiatives focus on projects, policies, and programs that go above and beyond what is contained in the current 2040 CLRP. An interactive map available at <https://gis.mwcog.org/webmaps/tpb/clrp/2016clrp/> shows both highway and transit projects included in 2040 CLRP up to the 2016 amendment.

Other discussions included possible Express Lanes for Route 28, Express bus, additional bridges (crossing the Potomac River) should be a state initiative, and a future VRE station in western Fairfax.

Comment & Feedback on Last Meeting's Presentation: N/A

Other Business

Planning for the Future

After the TAC Working Meeting scheduled for August 29, 2017, the subcommittee should look for the next meeting date in October.

Commissioner Alan Young announced that this will be his last meeting as he resigned his appointed At-Large seat. The TAC expressed their well wishes to Commissioner Young, and thanked him for his services to the County.

Planned Agenda for next meeting

- **October 17, 2017:** Update on Virginia Railway Express (VRE) – Doug Allen (VRE) / Mike Lake (FCDOT) including plans for expansion in Fairfax County)
- **November 14 or 28, 2017:** Update on the TPP's Outreach Efforts – FCDOT Staff
- **December 19, 2017:** Transportation Demand Management's (TDM) Metrics for Key Performance Indicators
- **January 16, 2018:** Potomac River Crossings Data Development Study – VDOT
- **February 20, 2018:** Joint meeting date with the Planning Commission's Transportation Committee on what their vision is for future development and any changes in planning and zoning guidelines that may be needed to account for future work environment given the pace and impacts of technology advances
- **TBD:** Long-Range Plans/Future Transportation Plans - FCDOT

Closing and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM